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### *Federal Dossier May Exist Now*

Columnist Kilpatrick is quite right in pointing out the dangers to our liberty of having the government maintaining under one number a dossier on all citizens. But the possible harm is counterbalanced by the good that could be done with information. And let us be realistic in recognizing that under our present form of government any one of the non-accountable agencies such as the CIA could go ahead and develop such information in a central computer bank while at the same time officially denying that it had been done. Since the secret police of this country already in all likelihood have such information, why deny it to the supervised agencies?

The proper defense against such possible abuse is the creation of the office of "ombudsman" that works so well in Scandinavia.

Civil liberty and instantaneous information retrieval are not mutually exclusive in a modern free society. We can and should have both ombudsmen and computerized information storage.

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